

CENTENARY OF BISMARCK'S BIRTH

Germans Will Honor Great Chancellor's Memory.

APRIL 1 is the birthday of the great Prussian statesman and unifier of Germany, Otto von Bismarck. He was born in 1815, so this year marks the centenary of his birth. It was the intention to hold a great national celebration of the event this year, but this, on account of the war, has been given up, and only the usual local celebrations will take place. Every municipality of any size in Germany has its Bismarck monument, and every year local celebrations have taken place, and this year these will have a special meaning and interest. The main and unique feature of these celebrations has been the burning of bonfires on the top of monumental towers that have been erected throughout the cities of Germany for this purpose alone.

Bismarck died on July 30, 1898, eight years after he had sent in his resignation as chancellor to William II.

In the December following the Students' association met at Hamburg, and here the scheme for the burning of bonfires on Bismarck's natal day and the erection of memorial monuments was first broached. An appeal was sent to the students of all educational institutions and to burgomasters and others to assist in the execution of the idea. It was not sufficient that a mere load of wood or other inflammable material should be lighted. It was necessary and fitting that the fire should be contained in some solid structure, and it was proposed that a Bismarck monument should be designed and a replica be placed in such communities as desired it.

The idea spread like wildfire and everywhere the appeal stirred up the greatest enthusiasm and every com-



OTTO VON BISMARCK, AN UNUSUAL PICTURE TAKEN DURING A BRIEF PERIOD WHEN HE WORE A BEARD.

munity of any size expressed its desire for a Bismarck monument on which to light its Bismarck bonfire. A competition was started for a design for the monument, and the lines upon which the monument was to be constructed were indicated in the appeal. It should be massive, but simple and without ornamentation, save that the pedestal should bear the arms and motto of the iron chancellor. In its massiveness it should resemble him, and in design it should be capable of reproduction in all sizes to suit the means of all communities.

The German Students' association resolved to erect two monuments at its own expense, one at Friedrichsruhe and the other at Strassburg. Students of those high schools took up the matter in their own districts. Government officials gave their co-operation, hotels, bars and business houses displayed placards asking for pecuniary and other assistance, and in sparsely populated districts like West Prussia, where other means were not effective, a traveling committee was formed to go from parish to parish in furtherance of the cause.

Meantime the chief committee was at work in connection with the design for the monument. No fewer than 230 artists sent in designs for this national memorial. The one finally selected was by the well known Dresden architect, Kreis, and since that time these monuments have spread all over Germany. The prize design shows a simple dignified monumental structure of square section with a massive column at each corner; the architrave supports the metal firepot, which is separated from the masonry by a layer of nonconducting material. The fireplace is reached by steps in the interior which lead from a door in the back of the monument. It will be seen that a monument constructed in accordance with this design will fulfill all the requirements which the association had in view. In itself it resembles the character of Bismarck, and it also is an indication of unity. Hence on April 1 next German sides will glow with the reflected glory that Germany will be offering on many pyres to her great statesman.

SIRES AND SONS.

August Bebel in 1900 predicted the present European conflict.

William Melvin of Columbus, O., recently had his hair cut for the first time in eighteen years.

Major General Arthur Murray, who retires from active service on April 29, has been in command of the western department since June, 1911. He graduated from West Point in 1874.

Lieutenant General Erich von Falkenhayn, who recently resigned as minister of war of Germany, has been made a general of infantry and in addition to this honor retains his place as chief of the general staff of the field army.

The Rockefeller family in America is descended from John Rockefeller, who was born in Germany in 1839. His son, Johann Peter Rockefeller, was the first of the family to emigrate to America, settling in New Jersey near the close of the seventeenth century.

Sidney Edward Moses, the new president of the College of the City of New York, is a native of California and a graduate of the University of California of the class of 1894. Later he attended Harvard. Since 1908 he has been president of the University of Texas.

Train and Track.

Railway freights in Argentina are about three times what are paid in the United States, owing largely to the costly fuel.

Railway sleepers of redwood imported from California cost \$1.20 each in China. The French railway in Indo-China uses metal sleepers entirely.

A remarkable instance of railroad building where no traffic was to be obtained is found in Scotland in the Paisley and Barrhead line. It was authorized by parliament in 1807 and was finally completed. From the day of its completion to the present not a single train has ever run over the line.

Current Comment.

The American Indian also is fighting to the last ditch.—Detroit News.

The witnesses who can find no better excuse for high wheat prices than the demand created by the war are singularly unimaginative.—New York Sun.

Justice to the jitney would seem to require recognition of its superiority to the street car, the subway and the submarine in point of ventilation.—Cleveland Leader.

The suggestion of Dr. Wiley that an hour should be given to each meal may have merit, but it would not leave some people with time enough to earn the price.—Philadelphia Press.

Industrial Items.

Fine lace and strong ropes are each made from the Siberian nettle.

Steel barrels are now made quickly and economically by means of the oxyacetylene torch, which welds the joints.

A Danish company has contracted with the Chilean government to establish three lines of steamships between Copenhagen and Chile.

In many parts of India the production of toys is carried on to an important extent, usually as a kind of cottage industry, as in Germany and Japan.

Telephone Calls.

There are sixty phone calls per day between New York and Chicago.

Chile has 8,000 miles of telephones worked by an English company.

With the completion of the line from Denver to San Francisco there is now a continuous commercial telephone line stretching across the continent from New York to the Pacific coast.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

Persistence is more effective than brilliancy.

To keep a gun from scattering put in a single shot.

Safety first at sea calls for the long, long way around.

A rumor doesn't need fertile ground in which to grow.

The man who sells his honor deals in something that he has not got.

It would take an army of experts to classify the various kinds of trouble in Mexico.

Skirts, says a fashion note, will show five inches of ankle when there is that much.

It is easier to wage that war in Europe than it will be to collect the taxes to pay for it.

Belligerents seem to be rapidly drifting to the view that retaliation is the first law of nature.

Golden weddings can be celebrated only by the kind of married folks that go "fifty-fifty" together.

A man's as old as he feels, they say, but the age he feels depends a good deal on what he's been doing.

A submarine can stay under water for hours, but some boats that have been met by submarines are going to stay under much longer.

A San Francisco man advertised for 300 live fleas, which shows that, while man may want but little here below sometimes, his wants are blamed queer.

LIVE INDIANS ON THE WARPATH

Some Ute Indians Prove to Be Unreconstructed Rebels.

We have come to look upon the Indians as practically quiet and pacified and resigned to their fate, but quite recently some of them have shown that they are not all "dead Indians" yet. Witness the recent trouble between renegade Ute Indians and a posse of United States marshals near Bluff, Utah. Here a marshal was



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A UTE CHIEF AND A UTE SUMMER SHACK. Killed and two wounded and the posse was so surrounded by hostile forces that grave apprehension prevailed.

The trouble was caused by one Ute chief known as Tse-Na-Gat, also known as Edward Hatch, who took the warpath last October after he had been indicted in Denver for the murder of a Mexican. No one seemed to care so much that he had killed a Mexican, but the fact that he resisted the authority of the government was the point upon which the trouble started. He joined his Utes in the reservation in the southeastern section of Utah and since then has had a bad record.

General H. I. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. A., famous Indian fighter, has been detailed to settle peaceably the trouble with the Utes.

PRIME MINISTER OF ENGLAND

Herbert Asquith's Career Has Been Marked by Strength and Success.

Premier Asquith's recent speech in the house of commons declaring the purpose of England and France to cut off Germany from all trade with the rest of the world has aroused profound interest all over the globe.

The career of Herbert Henry Asquith, prime minister of Great Britain, who has become an outstanding world figure, has in each of its four epochs been marked by strength and success. Without the aid of wealth he won his



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way by scholarships to Oxford, where he proceeded from one academic triumph to another. He won his way into parliament by his magnificent clearness in enunciating his political principles of Liberalism. Without influence he secured a commanding position at the English bar, and having proved himself during the last six years the strongest statesman of modern times in England by his overthrow of the house of lords and by the final placing of the Irish home rule bill on the statute books he has now in foreign policy achieved a new fame.

CAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mary Cunningham of San Antonio is the first girl born in her family in 130 years.

Anna Patadametri pays \$12,120 a year rental for a flower stand in City Hall park, New York.

Miss Helen Dalton, prominent among the young women amateur athletes of New York city, not only makes the 100 yard dash in 12 3/4 seconds, but is a clever gymnast, swimmer and basket ball player.

Miss Marie E. Stocker, who has been teaching school in St. Louis for the last thirty-four years, has just been granted citizenship papers. Miss Stocker is of German birth and came to this country with her parents in 1808.

Dr. Mary Pierson Eddy is a missionary heroine who has been doing splendid and heroic service in Syria for a number of years. She has done good work for the tuberculosis cause and in medical filiation and is said to have shown skill and courage in whatever kind of work she has undertaken.

Town Topics.

Having its river terminal system complete, New Orleans is getting all the advertising, to say nothing of the business.—St. Louis Republic.

Talk of making St. Paul and Minneapolis one city is liable to precipitate internecine strife as to which shall stand in front of the hyphen.—Washington Post.

It has taken a Detroit man seventeen years to get a divorce. Detroit is not so big as Cleveland, but in some of these little details she has it all over us.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There is some complaint in Boston that baseball is interfering with art. Still baseball has given Boston considerable prominence that would have been impossible to art.—Philadelphia Press.

PITH AND POINT.

The only way to be a neutral is to talk about something else.

An explosive mine has no sense of discrimination or of safety first.

Cotton is vainly waiting for fashionable philanthropy to boom the calico dress.

He who relies on posterity to do him justice will not feel the pain of disappointment.

When a fellow puts on the gloves with old habit he is in for an interesting bout.

All the nations want peace with "honor." The trouble will arise over defining the latter word.

We shall not surely know whose ocean it's going to be probably until it is settled who wins the war.

Mines and submarines, it would seem to a landlubber, are about enough to blow the romance out of the sailor's life.

Iceland has had an earthquake. The country that has not had something in the way of trouble is, indeed, a lonely one on the map.

He who lives much out of doors is seldom out of sorts, and the only weatherwise are those who do not mind the weather.

With so much wealth being shot away every day, the dollar's purchasing power shows only a middling to poor recuperative power.

Evidently the man who takes a cold bath every morning isn't repaid by the resulting benefit; he has to talk about it to get his money's worth.

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ROMANCE OF THE DARDANELLES

Classical Echoes Wakened by Booming of Modern Guns.

THE allied fleet in the Dardanelles has awakened classical echoes, and echoes that may be far-reaching in their results, in case of the complete success of the allies.

The conquest by the allies of the highway between the Black sea and the Mediterranean is of vast importance as regards political results, which, in turn, are bound to influence the military situation. The delicate balance in the near east and Italy will respond to the new pull on the allied side. But even the immediate results are of the highest importance. With Turkey split in two and her offensive power reduced to a minimum the pressure on Russia in the Caucasus will be relieved. The safety of Egypt will have been secured. The large English forces in Egypt will be released for service elsewhere. To Russia there will be an immediate profit in the establishment of an important line of communications with her allies in the Mediterranean.

There is much talk of the outpour of Russian wheat when the Dardanelles is opened. But more important for the moment will be the import of munitions of war into Russia from the west. With her arctic port frozen in, Russia at present can draw supplies only by way of Vladivostok, a roundabout way, considering how great are her needs of war material. German authorities have laid stress on Russia's enormous losses in guns and munitions and have predicted that long before her supply of men gives out Russia will be in want of arms and equipment. The opening of the Dardanelles will change all that.

The fall of Constantinople means the exit of the Turk from Europe and will realize for Russia her long dream of



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an outlet in the Mediterranean, for Great Britain has expressed her sympathy with these aspirations.

The Dardanelles takes its name from Dardanus, who was supposed to have founded the lost city of that name near that other and far more famous lost city, ancient Troy. It is from one to five miles wide, the most romantic part of the passage being only a mile wide between Sestos in Europe and Abydos in Asia, where "Leander swam the Hellespont his Hero for to see," at the time of the largely mythical war of the Greeks and Trojans so celebrated by Homer. The feat of Leander had for long years been pronounced impossible, but Lord Byron in 1810 swam the Hellespont, clubfooted as he was, from Sestos to Abydos.

Here, too, Xerxes crossed with his great army, 480 B. C., and a century and a half later Alexander the Great sped from one shore to the other with his hosts. Long later Romans and crusaders from England and France overran these lands and waters. The very name of Mohammedan Constantinople dates from the removal of the Roman capital to Byzantium by Constantine, a Christian emperor, who in A. D. 330, with great pomp, inaugurated the new capital and christened it Constantinople.

In 1807 Admiral Duckworth of the British navy forced the passage of the strait to Constantinople. Various other invasions sought final control, but in 1841 one of those treaties was made which are made to be broken, declaring that no foreign ship might pass the Dardanelles without Turkish consent.

In 1891 the sultan gave permission for vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet to pass through even when carrying soldiers, and during the Russian-Japanese war the Russian cruisers Paterburg and Smolensk sneaked through from the Black sea under commercial flags, hoisted the Russian flag when they sailed into the Red sea, stopped German and British ships and ceased these exploits only when they received instructions from the czar to do so.

SHORT AND SHARP.

Why not establish a merchant submarine?

Borrowed money soon begins to look like borrowed trouble.

The trouble with most people is that they have too many troubles.

Everybody loves a quitter when he has been talking a little longer than enough.

A silencer for party telephone lines would contribute greatly to a decrease in gossip.

The man who starts something is all right and a desirable citizen if he has good sense.

The man who plays cards for money often finds that the other fellow did the same thing.

It does not do much good to keep some of the Ten Commandments and smash the others.

Letters and articles that try to show the brighter side of war all fall because there isn't any.

Maxim Gorky has made peace with the czar, which is the first peace news from Europe in some time.

International law is something which all civilized nations highly respect and uphold—in times of profound peace.

The high cost of living should be a fetcherish revival. Horace's dictum was "if you chew more you won't eat so much."

If variety is the spice of life Mexico City must be about the spiciest place on earth just now. It changes hands almost every day.

Echoes of the War.

The greater truth is not that the United States is unprepared, but that it is unwilling for war.—New York World.

Between bombs dropped from the air and torpedoes shot beneath the sea neutral commerce does not seem to have much to encourage it.—Philadelphia Press.

Making history is an interesting process, but we can't help feeling glad it is being made in Poland instead of in South Carolina.—Charleston News and Courier.

The announcement is made by each nation in turn that renewed arrangements have been made to push the war. In the meantime The Hague continues to issue no bulletins whatever.—Washington Star.

Flippant Flings.

Sometimes we feel as if we didn't care whether we ever speak to Europe again.—Toledo Globe.

A Massachusetts specialist says he can live on 10 cents a day. He has our permission.—Detroit Free Press.

Speaker Clark advises a proportional elimination of all the armies. Well, ain't they doin' it?—Washington Post.

In view of what is going on, one is disposed to inquire what has become of the old fashioned gaiety of nations.—Chicago News.

Seattle physicians are puzzled over a woman who hasn't slept in seven years. Perhaps her husband talks in his sleep.—Washington Post.

The Royal Box.

Kaiser Wilhelm has been German emperor for twenty-seven years. Queen Alexandra of England receives an annuity of £70,000 from the state.

The king of Spain is said to be the only monarch who does not sign his name to documents and edicts. His signature is simply "Yo. el Rey" ("I, the King.")

About four years previous to his ascending the throne King Emmanuel of Italy fell in love with Princess Helen of Montenegro while on a visit to Russia, and the marriage took place in October, 1896.

Short Stories.

The salary of a general in the Russian army varies from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year.

The Dover strait is only twenty-one miles wide at Calais, which has been connected with Dover by cable since 1851.

A system is in vogue in Italy by means of which mulberry leaves are preserved in cold storage as food for silkworms.

Peru is considering a tax on business earnings because the country's revenues for 1915 are estimated at \$12,500,000 and the expenses \$20,000,000.

Fashion Frills.

Spring straws show which way fashion blows itself.—Baltimore American.

Silk trousers this summer, announce the tailors. Fickle fashion, indeed!—New York Sun.

Women's hats are to be costlier, according to reports. They usually are.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Here comes the low crowned derby again, as if men were not funny enough already.—Chicago News.

Wasp shaped gowns announced in the near future should be named for the mosquito—the sting is in the bill.—Washington Post.